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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS NOVEMBER 8, 1975

1. SUMMARY. FNLA CLAIMS TO HAVE ADVANCED TO WITHIN 15 KMS OF LUANDA. INTERNATIONAL PRESS INVITED TO VIEW CAPTURED CONGOLESE "FISHING" CRAFT AND CREW.

2. FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ANGOLA APPEARED PRESS NOVEMBER 8:

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) REPORT DATELINE PANGUILA (ANGOLA), NOVEMBER 8, FNLA TROOPS NOVEMBER 6 SEIZED HIGH GROUND AROUND CACUACO, 18 KMS, FROM LUANDA. REPORT SAID FNLA BEGAN PUCH 0500 HRS. NOVEMBER 6 AND, AFTER EXCHANGE OF TWO BRIDGES ON ROUTE TO LUANDA FROM NORTHEAST. BY 1400 HOURS FNLA TROOPS

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WERE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN SECOND BRIDGE, GOING ON TO

ADVANCE 5 KMS, TOWARD CACUACO. BY NIGHTFALL, FIGHTING REPORTEDLY WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN QUIDANGONDO AND CACUACO, LEADING ONE TO BELIEVE THAT QUIFANGONDO HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN. REPORT SAID THIS WOULD EXPLAIN BREAK IN WATER SERVICE TO LUANDA, THE TECHNICIANS HAVING FLED TO COMBAT ZONES. MPLA ESTIMATED TO HAVE USED ABOUT 100 MISSILES IN THIS "BATTLE OF THE BRIDGES". CACUACO SAID TO BE LAST TOWN ENROUTE TO LUANDA. FNLA NOW CLAIMS TO BE WITHIN 15 KMS. OF CAPITAL.

3. SAME REPORT STATES FNLA HAS JUST RELEASED 13 PAGE DOCUMENT DETAILING PROFF OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY REPEATS CHARGES OF SOVIET SUPPLY OF MISSILES, TANKS, ETC. TO MPLA. CONDEMNS SOVIET EXPANSIONISM AND FIXES BLAME FOR CIVIL WAR ON MPLA ACTING ON SOVIET ORDERS. REITERATES CHARGES OF MPLA ATROCITIES. DEPLORES MPLA TERRORISM, VIOLATIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, ARMING OF CHILDREN AND USE OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES.

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SSA DAILY ELIMA NOVEMBER 8 REPORTED FNLA COMMUNIQUE INVITING INTERNATIONAL PRESS TO JOIN SPECIAL PRESS FLIGHT TO AMBRIZ WHERE JOURNALISTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET CONGOLESE "FISHERMEN" AND SEE THE BOAT USED BY THEM ALLEGEDLY TO TRANSPORT ARMS TO THE MPLA. THIS WAS CONGOLESE CRAFT SEIZED BY FNLA BOATS OCTOBER 31 OFF AMBRIZETE SOME 200 KMS. NORTH OF LUANDA. BOAT WAS ALLEGEDLY ENROUTE FROM POINTE NOIRE TO LUANDA.

5. SAME COMMUNIQUE NOTED MPLA CONTRADICTIONS AND ABILITY TO TWIST FACTS. SAID PRO-MPLA PORTUGUESE TROOPS FLEEING LOBITO AND BENGUELA SOME DAYS AGO SAID THAT THE TWO CITIES HAD BEEN SURROUNDED BY FNLA AND UNITA FORCES, ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS. YET MPLA NOW DENIES THAT THE TWO CITIES ARE IN FNLA/UNITA HANDS.
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